

JIM RISER'S SOLID CUP

(Routined and manufactured by Jim Riser - Tucson, Arizona)

THE ACTION

Sample PATTER

Place inverted cup on table.
Place ball on cup.

"My variation of the oldest magic trick in the world - instead of the traditional three cups and three balls, I'll use only one cup and one ball.

Take ball in right hand. Apparently place it under the cup - actually finger palm it.
Lift cup and load finger palmed ball to appear as if it was under the cup.

If I placed the ball under the cup like this and snapped my fingers, then showed the ball under the cup, that would be a pretty poor trick, right?

Apparently place ball into left hand. Raise left fist and rub ball into nothing - "throw" the vanished ball towards the cup.
Lift cup with right hand and load finger palmed ball as cup is lifted.

But, if I placed the ball into my left hand and massaged it into nothing; then threw it into the cup that would be a better trick.

Pick up ball with left hand.
Rest little finger side of right hand on table top as you raise the cup enough for ball to be rolled under it. Roll ball from left hand under cup and on into palm of right hand. Lower cup "over" ball.

I'll show you another way to make the ball penetrate the cup.

Rub sides of cup with left thumb and finger tips. (Stroke cup from table surface towards the top as if drawing the ball up through the cup.) Display invisible ball and place it back on top of the cup.
With palm of left hand smack the invisible ball to drive it down through the cup.

Watch closely - I am magically and invisibly pulling the ball up through the bottom of the cup. Here it is - you will notice that it is still invisible. Now I am going to force the ball back through the bottom of the cup by smacking it with the palm of my hand.

Lift cup with right hand. Load ball as cup is lifted.

And here it is again - back under the cup.

Pick up ball with left hand and roll it under cup into right palm.
Stroke sides of cup with right thumb and finger tips. (As this is being done, steal final load from lap - golf ball for small cups or lemon for large cups.) Drop palmed ball onto top of cup under cover of stroking the cup - to appear as if it was magically pulled up through the cup.

I'll try that again - this time I'll try to do it visibly.
There it is.

(Turn this sheet over for the CLIMAX)

JIM RISER'S SOLID CUP - THE CLIMAX

THE ACTION

Smack the ball with your right palm - apparently to force it back through the cup. In reality, palm off the ball and immediately rest your hand at the table edge. In this instant in which you rest your hand, drop the ball into your lap.

Lift cup with right hand - cup is empty.
Tap cup on table top and raise it again - still empty. Repeat.

Look into cup.

Place cup into left fist right on top of final load. Leave most of the cup sticking out of your hand.

Slap bottom of cup with palm of right hand to "dislodge" final load.

Let spectator try to cover the final load with the cup and discover that THE CUP IS SOLID.

Sample PATTER

Now, I'll cause the ball to pass back through the bottom of the cup.

There it goes.

And once again the ball is back under the cup.

I say, once again the ball is under cup.

The ball has returned to its place under the cup.

Maybe it got stuck part way through

Yes, there is something stuck in the cup.

I'll get it out.

LARGE CUPS: My gosh, it looks like trick is a lemon.

SMALL CUPS: My gosh, it's a golf ball.

LARGE CUPS: If you will completely cover the lemon with the cup, I'll turn it into a peach.

SMALL CUPS: If you will completely cover the golf ball with the cup, I'll change it into a cherry tomato.

PRACTICE ALL MOVES SO THAT THEY LOOK NATURAL AND YOU WILL HAVE A VERY ENTERTAINING MIRACLE TO PERFORM.